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Annual General Meeting

This year we held our Annual General Meeting at the Ferrars School in Luton. The choice of a school was an excellent one, with ample parking, a large hall and easy access from the M1 both from the North and London. It made an ideal venue to attract the greatest number of our members.

More than usual attended the AGM this year, though we would like to see even more take part in

the event next year.

The day itself was split into two parts, with the formal business meeting in the morning and a general workshop in the afternoon.

A full description of the actual AGM itself will be given in the June issue of Apple2000 when the

AGM minutes will be published.

The main purpose of the meeting is to report on the previous years business. Each of the previous committee that were present gave a report on their activities over the year. The old committee then stood down and elections for the new committee were held. Ewen Wannop was elected as Chairman, Norah Arnold as Secretary, Irene Flaxman as Treasurer and John Lee, Keith Rookledge and Roy Wainwright were elected as ordinary committee members.

In the afternoon a wide variety of Apple computers ranging from a II+ to a IIcx were put through their paces. At times it was difficult to hear yourself speak over the din from Zany Golf battling with Norah's CD Rom as you strained to listen to the new AudioFinder on the Macintosh.

Chairman's Report

We start the new year and the new committee with a common task.

As most of you will remember, the past year was devoted to improving the service that the Apple II members were receiving. Although this task is not yet completed, we have come along way in the last twelve months. If we are not careful we may soon find that the Macintosh side of the magazine needs the same treatment. It seems that magazines sprout up every minute for the Mac these days taking away our potential members and advertisers.

We must expand on our unique position as an independent user group and fill the gaps of knowledge that these magazines cannot address.

We have a great deal of expertise installed in the heads of our members. It is up to us to spread that knowledge by means of the magazine, by means of articles that help us get more from the programs and the computers and by means of articles that describe our experiences with specific software and hardware. We also need good honest reviews.

Come on all of you, get your fingers typing and send us the articles we need. Apple2000 is unique, we wish to keep it that way. **Ewen Wannop**

Apple UK move premises

Apple UK, who we always think of as being at Hemel Hempstead, have moved to a purpose built site at Stockley Park near Heathrow airport. The move was made at the end of March.

Whether this signifies any further changes in Apple's attitude we do not know. Apple's customer relations survive apparently because of the quality if its hardware, not because of its concern for their customers.

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Prestel price hike

Dialcom annouce that as of the 1st April 1989, VAT will be added to all its Prestel services.

It seems that not a month goes by without a price increase in telecommunications somewhere. We now must have the most expensive data networks in the world.

All would be well if we had services to match. However as those of you who access systems outside the UK will know, our online databases and services bear no comparison to the extensive services offered elsewhere around the world.

Some years ago it was announced that the access ports for both Prestel and PSS would be uprated to cope with the multi speeds now common in communications. Here in 1989 we only now have some parts of the country able to access Prestel at 2400 baud (V22bis). It is still impossible to access PSS at anything faster than 1200 baud (V22).

We watch this space with interest

Panel of Experts

The recent request for names to add to our panel of problem solving experts has raised only two names.

We will expand this list as we receive further details from you. In the meantime we offer you the following:

Legal users of Macintoshes contact:

N H McFarlane-Watts

Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Incorporated Law Society.

= 086730 7188

Macintosh Excel users should contact: Nick Hunter

₩ 0225 336328



Slough Berks

Dear Editor.

Regarding the letter from B McHugh in the February issue of the magazine, LPA do (did?) a CP/M version of Prolog for the Apple. Their address is:

Logic Programming Associates Limited Studio 4 The Royal Victoria Patriotic Building Trinity Road London SW18 3SX Tel: 01 871 2016

Bill Hill

69 Camelot Gardens Sutton on Sea Mablethorpe Lines

Lincs

Dear Sirs.

Thank you for you recent letter concerning the printer problem which I have with the Apple II Europlus & Brother HR5 printer.

I have in fact tried out all the combinations of dip switches settings on the Grappler and checked continuity of the printer lead wires, so it would seem that either there is a compatibility problem or the Grappler unit is defective.

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As my next enquiry! I wonder if you can advise as to whether there is a firm in this country who I could contact to get the Grappler checked or replaced.

M E Tomlin

☐ I do not know of any firm who could do this. Perhaps one of our members could help with an address, or even check this card for Mr Tomlin?

East Grinstead West Sussex

Dear Editor,

Can you tell me, please, where I can get information on:

1) 'The Parallel Printer Card' which does not operate with my printer (it recognises select or deselect only!)

2) What the yellow pair and red pair leads are for on the CP/M Gold card are for (Digital Research are unable to!)

from you. In the meantime we offer brou mort

☐ Here again I am stumped. Has anyone got these details that we can pass on to Alan.

Kingskerswell Newton Abbot

Dear Editor,

I am trying to get a BASIC compiler for my Apple IIe.

Have you got a price list of what is available?

Derek Oldbury

□ Although we have managed to compile a list of software for the IIgs, the //e is quite a different matter, there are just too many programs!

There have been many compilers, TASC was one of the better known in the old days, and of course there were extended Basics that had their own compilers. However, I would suggest the Beagle Basic compiler as being the best of the bunch designed to work with Appleoft. It is still available from places like MGA in Kent.

Istanbul

Turkey

Dear Boffin.

 I want to write a translator for HyperCard. I've done the resource WRTN ready, but don't know what to put in.

2) How can I use and ordinary CODE resource as an XCMD? Can you please answer these?

Thanks for your help.

Engin Cilasun

□ XCMD's work through a special GLUE routine when working with HyperCard. You cannot just use any code resource for XCMD, you must use the GLUE routine. I suggest you get hold of 'XCMD's for Hypercard' by Gary Bond. This is published by MIS Press. ISBN 0-943518-85-7 at \$25.

Hartslock Drive London

Dear Apple 2000,

Many thanks for AppleSlices, received today and much appreciated. Your belief that Macintosh people cannot write, or do not have anything to say, or are too far in the sky to believe in other people and other systems is absolutely and perfectly incorrect. We do care but we I have so little to complain of with my MacPlus that I am usually quite aristocratically quiet. That is I am frightened to open my wordprocessor in case I expose my utter ignorance of my Apple. I think I must be an equipment freak because I never actually ever do anything useful with my Mac (except write letters) and I suppose I consider it my grown up toy. I have tried Atari, BBC, Amstrad and Archimedes and have not done anything useful with any of them. Spent oodles of money but never regretted spending it. The Apple Mac is proving the most lasting and intriguing. I intend to finish up with the latest one when I retire in 2 years time. Do you think I should be put in an old persons home for being so silly about a computer as fascinating as the Mac? Philip Hirons

☐ The concept of an old peoples home with all and sundry tapping away at keyboards is a delightful one. I think that we all must use a Mac for very different reasons indeed. The fact that you get so much joy from it means the money was very well spent indeed.

My original provocation was to see if I would get any response at all. It may well be that Mac owners do not have problems. But it was nice to hear from you that in your case this was true.

You could do no worse when you retire than to get a modem, Red Ryder from our library, and connect into TABBS. You would then keep in touch with hundreds of other Macintosh and Apple freaks!

Special Release Software

☐ Their has been a recent addition to the Apple II Special Release Software library. The new disc, The Antelope, is a general purpose communications program for the Apple II, //c and //e.

The Antelope features a 40/80 column terminal program and a Viewdata/Prestel emulator. The Antelope has Xmodem downloading, a full and extensive macro facility, and many other features.

The Apple II library Catalog has been typeset and is in the process of being printed. All Apple II registered members will receive a copy in due course.

SR1 - APPLESOFT SCREEN EDITOR

On screen editor for Applesoft. Allowing fuller editing than is normally available. Global find and replace, renumbering of individual lines, insertion and deletion of lines and lower case input.

SR2 - CLUBKEEPER

A suite of programs to allow the keeping of a club or society database. Requires a Z80 softcard. There are five main areas to the program, accounts, membership, stock, diary and staffing.

SR3 - GRAPHIC PAD

Allows you to produce Hi-Res graphic pages, pictures and text, quickly and easily. Requires at least a pair of paddles, but preferably a joystick should be connected.

SR4 - HELICOPTER RESCUE

Simulation game. Requires paddles or joystick. Rescue as many people as you can, while avoiding the seagulls.

SR5 - PRESTEL DRIVER

Access Prestel and Micronet with your Apple. You will need to have either an Apple Super Serial Card or a SERCOM II Serial card, and a modem capable of 1200/75.

SR6 - SUPER TRACE

High speed de-bugging of Applesoft programs. Allows screen display of program lines and the values of variables, while the program is running.

SR7 - SUPER EDITOR

List and change occurrences of commands, variables, functions or strings in Applesoft programs. Cleans up programs and finds elusive variables.

SR8 - SYMDIS

A symbolic dissassembler for 6502 machine code. This will create a standard text file from any machine code program or defined area of memory. The resultant file can be then altered and reassembled with your own standard 6502 assembler. Assembler not included.

SR9 - SPEEDLOADER

From Cornelius Bongers and Wilhelm Schouten.
Allows the loading of any program, memory dump or DOS, at up to 10 times the normal speed.
You prepare a working disc from this master program. The drive often takes longer to zero the head than it takes to load DOS and run the program.
A manual file is contained on the back of the disc.
This may be viewed or printed using the reader program provided.

SR10 - CHAMELEON

The Chameleon is an extremely powerful file conversion program. It allows the free transfer of all file-types between various system discs. The program is designed to be very user friendly and only needs a few keystrokes to operate.

The option is given to change the filename if required. A special options facility allows the forcing of destination file types, this allows the making of Binary from Text files etc. Handles PRODOS, DOS3.3, PASCAL, CPM and SOS discs.

SR11 - THE EXAMINER

Trace and single step through 6502 machine code DOS 3.3 programs. Allows the quick discovery and cleaning up of coding problems. Will display on 40 or 80 columns

SR12 - PACKING SUITE

Unpack Applesoft lines having more than one statement to make editing easier. Then pack them back again for faster working and less memory overheads. Strip REM's to shorten the program.

SR13 - BUSINESS BASIC

A 40 column orientated extension of Applesoft. It requires a 64K machine, or a 16K language card. Allows the formatting of numbers, custom tab fields, bi-directional scrolling, fast handling of arrays to and from disc etc.

SR14 - D.A.M.P.

Set up your own personalised data-base, and print the results as needed. Records are screen orientated, and may be set up to your own requirements. A full set of utilities are included for general housekeeping etc.

SR15 - CLASS MARKS

Comprehensive program to prepare and print lists of marks. Sorting to different fields or alphabetically. Full updating and editing facilities included. Standardise routines built in.

SR16 - The ANTELOPE

The Antelope is a full featured communication program running under DOS 3.3. It has been written by Ewen Wannop, the author of Data Highway. Like Data Highway, The Antelope consists of two main programs and several utilities, all with a host of features. The Antelope will work with the Super Serial Card, the Mastercard, the CCS7710 card or the //c serial port.

The two main programs allow access to both text based and Viewdata systems. Both programs incorporate a comprehensive macro system and have appropriate downloading facilities. Both text and Xmodem downloading are available on the terminal program.

Viewdata may be viewed in double HiRes colour on a //e or //c. The terminal program will display on either the 40 or 80 column screen.

A comprehensive manual on the reverse of the disk may be viewed or printed by means of the supplied reader program.

Special Release discs are £14.50 each. Chameleon and Speedloader are both £16.00 The Antelope is £25.00 All prices include post and packing and VAT.

Ilgs Software Selector

☐ Some few weeks ago John Kishitmoto asked Apple2000 if we had a list of software that was specific to the IIgs. In replying to him that in fact we did not, I suggested that he might like to compile such a list himself. Within a couple of weeks he sent me the following list. Thank you John, this is just the kind of input members can give. Now I suppose we need to give them all a star rating!

We do not expect this list to be exhaustive, and we cannot expect it to be accurate in every detail, but as far as we know the entries are correct.

A conclusion to be drawn from the list is that you need at least 512k in a IIgs to run currently available software. If you have not expanded to 1mb on the memory card we would urge you to shop around for the memory chips and upgrade as soon as possible. Currently 256k should cost around £25

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Memory Reqd

APPLE IIGS specific software

BUSINESS	a 64K machine, or	7001
List Plus	Activision	768K
Appleworks GS	Claris	1.25Mb
Multiscribe IIGS	Claris	768K
Notes 'N Files	Datapak	7001
DeluxeWrite	Electronic Arts	768K
DeluxeWrite/DeluxePaint II	Electronic Arts	768K
VIP Professional	VIP	512K
Calendar Crafter School	Mecc	768K
Medley	Milliken	1.25Mb
Visualizer	PBI Software	512K
GraphicWriter 3.0	Seven Hills Software	512K
TaxView Planner	Softview	
TaxView Federal	Softview	1.25Mb
California Supplement	Softview	1.25Mb
N.Y. Supplement	Softview	1.25Mb
Softwood GS File	Softwood	768K
Deskworks	Styleware	512K
Font Library	Styleware	Library
WordPerfect	Word Perfect Corp.	512K
COMMUNICATIONS		
Teleworks Plus	Activision	
Gazelle	Ewen Wannop	256K
EDUCATIONAL		
Designasaurus	Britannica Software	1.25Mb
Jigsaw	Britannica Software	1.25Mb
Geometry	Broderbund	
Where in the World is Carmo	en Sandiego? Broderb	ound
Math Blaster Plus	Davidson & Assoc.	
Math & Me	Davidson & Assoc.	512K
Reading & Me	Davidson & Assoc.	a nisroq
Word Attack Plus	Davidson & Assoc.	
Mavis Beacon Typing	Electronic Arts	512K
First Letters & Words	First Byte	768K
First Shapes	First Byte	768K
Kidtalk	First Byte	768K
Mathtalk	First Byte	768K
Mathtalk Fractions	First Byte	768K
Smoothtalker		768K
	First Byte	
Speller Bee Kidstime II	First Byte	768K
	Great Wave	512K
Gertrudes Secrets	Learning Company	256K
Magic Spells	Learning Company	256K
Math Rabbit	Learning Company	256K
Reader Rabbit	Learning Company	256K
Rockys Boots	Learning Company	256K
Think Quick	Learning Company	256K
Writer Rabbit	Learning Company	256K
Speed Reader Tutor IV	Simon & Shuster	

Typing Tutor IV	Simon & Shuster	512K
Kidwriter Gold	Spinnaker	
Aesop's Fables	Unicorn	768K
All About America	Unicorn	
Animal Kingdom	Unicorn	
Ghastly Grammer	Unicorn	
Kiderama	Unicorn	
Land of the Unicron	Unicorn	
Magical Myths	Unicorn	768K
Math Wizard	Unicorn	
Read & Rhyme	Unicorn	768K
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Mini-Putt Pinball Wizard	Accolade	256K
	Accolade	512K
Serve and Volley 4th + Inches	Accolade	512K
Blackjack Academy	Activision	512K
GBA Champ. Basketball	Activision	512K
Hacker II	Activision	512K
The Last Ninja	Activision	512K
Shanghai	Activision	512K
Tass Times in Tonetown	Activision	512K
AAARGH	Arcadia	OIZIL
Bridge 5.0	Artworx Software Co.	512K
Strip Poker	Artworx Software Co.	512K
Dream Zone	Baudville	512K
Defender of the Crown	Cinemaware	768K
King of Chicago	Cinemaware	768K
Lords of the Rising Sun	Cinemaware	
Rocket Ranger	Cinemaware	
S.D.I.	Cinemaware	1Mb
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New Numbering System for Mac Fonts

Adobe Systems Incorporated has announced support for Apple Computer's new font identification numbering system which uses a font resource called NFNT (New Font). The system allows a larger range of font identification numbers to be assigned to typefaces.

The new method reduces the potential for incorrectly accessing fonts that share the same identification numbers, a problem that has plagued service bureaux and Macintosh customers who use large numbers of

typefaces.

"We have worked closely with Apple to implement this enhancement," stated Kathy Englar, Font Production Manager at Adobe's headquarters in Mountain View, USA. "This is in direct response to font numbering conflicts our Macintosh customers were

experiencing."

Since Apple developed the original Macintosh operating system, there has been a proliferation of fonts available to desktop publishers. The number of fonts available has grown so dramatically that they exceeded the number of identification numbers originally allowed. Therefore, the font numbers system (NFNT) developed by Apple is designed to help solve the current confusion of conflicting font identification numbers. Under the new system, Apple controls the release of NFNT numbers to font developers.

"Service bureaux are especially appreciative of Adobe's solution to the font numbering conflict. Using NFNT numbers will save them time and money." commented Aert Korteweg, Product Marketing

Manager of Adobe Systems Europe.

From May 1989, all new font packages will be shipped with new NFNT numbers. All registered Macintosh customers will be contacted by Adobe for

screen font upgrades.

Adobe is the leading supplier of downloadable typefaces. The Adobe Type Library now totals over 400 typefaces and is available for both Macintosh and IBM personal computers. Revenues for fiscal 1988 were over \$83 million.

Apple-Microsoft Lawsuit

Apple's copyright infringement suit against Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard is still being reported in the States.

The next phase of the lawsuit will not be held until April 1990. However, an out-of-Court settlement is still being sought by the two parties — if only they could agree terms.

New Gizmos Font

Lexitrope, the UK developer of PostScript fonts, is about to extend its range with a new Gizmos font. This is in addition to the fraction font and the two borders fonts.

The new font will include such useful symbols as AA, RAC, Access and Visa logos - all accessible by a single key depression. Availability is quoted as late May 1989.

All Lexitrope fonts also include an Adobe Illustrator file of the full font in outline.

Mac's 32-bit Colour

Apple announced its 32-bit colour extensions to Colour QuickDraw in Philadelphia. This extends the Mac's colour capabilities to display up to 16.7 million colours on-screen si,ultaneously. Apple is providing guidelines on how the new technology can be used by developers.

The new QuickDraw will be included in release 7.0 of the Macintosh operating system. It will be distributed free via Apple's dealer and sales network in the States but there's no indication of availability elsewhere. It requires 2Mbytes of RAM, and will run on the Mac SE/ 30, II, IIx and IIcx.

Also announced was a new version of the PostScript Printer Driver (6.0), which allows most Mac applications to print in colour on colour PostScript printers and improves the quality of monochrome outpur on LaserWriter printers.

Omnis 5 for the Mac

Blyth Software announced the imminent release of Omnis 5 at the MacWorld Expo in Amsterdam.

The new version will include features such as HyperCard access, Mac interface support, CL/1 support, colour support and multiple windows.

The Omnis 5 package will include a new version of the Omnis Express application-building utility.

The company claims that the IBM version of the database will be upgraded shortly, and will be compatible with Omnis 5 Macintosh files.

The new product is seen as filling some gaps which have become apparent as competitors have introduced alternative databases to the market-place.

The formal unveiling is scheduled for MacWorld in Washington, and Blyth expect to start shipping in May.

SuperGlue II

Solutions International have announced SuperGlue II, due for release in late May.

New features include colour support, a lasso tool and a new annotation feature.

The new version will be priced at \$119.95. Upgrade will be free to those who purchased after 6th April, or \$25 (plus shipping) to current users.

System 6.0.4 delays new Macs

A delay in the release of System 6.0.4 is causing the portable and the 25-MHz IIcx to slip delivery dates, as the new system is required for these new machines. The delay is apparently due to hardware modifications which have required some system changes.

PixelPaint 2.0

USA: List price of PixelPaint 2.0 is \$395. An upgrade is available - free if an earlier version was purchased between 15th December 1988 and 15th March 1989, otherwise the upgrade cost is \$125.

PAUL BRAINERD PRESIDENT **OPENS** ALDUS UK Ltd



Aldus UK Ltd moved into new premises recently. We were pleased to see that they chose to remain based in Edinburgh, although they are also opening an office in London.

The new premises are only about a mile from Craigcrook Castle, which they shared with Aldus Europe Ltd. A fine, 19th-century house (pictured below), the offices are very comfortable, with room for

The official opening, on 20th April, was performed by Paul Brainerd, who had come over from the States especially for the occasion. The guest speaker was Michael Bywater (of Punch fame), and he was very entertaining — particularly when handing out suitable(?) gifts to the assembled management team to commemorate the event!

The guest list was impressive, including representatives from the large computer corporations such as Apple and IBM (and even Microsoft - despite the continuing litigation). Also represented were Aldus' dealers and distributors, their suppliers, their training centres and some of the major users of Aldus products. We were not the only user group to be represented the newly-formed PageMaker User Group also attended, and we were very pleased to see that the plaque which we presented to Aldus at last year's MacUser Show was proudly displayed, along with other awards.

In his opening remarks, Alasdair Boyle reviewed the more significant events for Aldus UK during the last year. He claimed that the biggest single task had been to manage the growth and development of the business, as they had seen quite incredible increases in the business level — especially due to the introduction of new products such as Aldus FreeHand and Aldus

Persuasion, and the upgrading of existing products. There had been close liaison with the major computer companies, in particular some joint marketing activities - not only with Apple and IBM but also Olivetti, Canon, Wang and many of the others.

During the 12 months, their market share figures had increased from 52.3% in early 1988 to 60% by the end of the year.

At the beginning of 1988, Aldus UK had 8 members of staff — all housed at Craigcrook Castle. This has increased to 32, with some scattered around the country — including a new UK marketing and sales office in Hammersmith in London.

There is a fairly typical departmental structure in Aldus UK. Within that structure there are three main functions:

Marketing Services is headed by Moira Craig, with responsibility for marketing, public relations and tech-

Sales and Training staff, headed up by Brian Liddle, look after the sales activity in Edinburgh and elsewhere, and the training of dealers.

John Swan looks after the Finance and Admin. Department, as Financial Controller.

When it came to revealing future plans, Alasdair promised more development of relationships with customers and suppliers, the introduction of new and updated products, a continued commitment to the Aldus staff and a further increase in market share and in overall levels of business.

We wish them well in their new premises.



